

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MAY 17, 2021

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Robert B. Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Attorney Alan Wilson and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/ RECOGNITION:

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS:

Commissioners congratulated the following county employees, and Mr. Dodd read their Employee Service Awards into the record:

Employee	Years of Service
Stephen Todd Prifogle	30
Sally Francis	25
Robin Tetrault	25
Steven McKamey	20
Christine Mosier	20
Kimberly Dunlap	10
Leah Sand	10
Ezekiel Zimmerman	10
Thomas Maas Jr.	5

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Commissioners congratulated county employee Rene' Weaver- Soil and Water: Rene' has thirty-eight years of hard work and dedication to bring soil and water conservation to the land owners in Howard County. Rene' is instrumental in providing needed support for the state and federal programs, Rene' is also the administered of many State grants for home owners of Howard County. Rene' handles all the tree sales for Howard County, also does the salt water annual meeting, and the outreach for the Howard County Fair. It is with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and the memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass to her. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of May 3, 2021, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

AUDITOR:

Annual Report State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

Auditor Secrease, submitted the Annual Report of the Commissioners of Howard County, to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Year Ending April 30,2021.The Annual Report was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Community Crossing Grant- Resurface Project Advertisement:

Highway Superintendent Mrs. Tolle, the Community Crossing Grant will need to be advertised for the bidding to take place. The Community Crossing Grant advertising was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

APL Contract Signature:

Highway Superintendent Mrs. Tolle, the APL Contract Signatures needs ratified so Commissioners Wyman has permission to sign as the Commissioners as a whole and can sign documents going forward. The ratification of Commissioner Wyman’s Signature and permission to sign documents going forward on this project was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Change Order #3- McCann Street Bridge Reconstruction:

Highway Superintendent Mrs. Tolle, this is a zero-dollar change order, this is to change the color for the coding being used on the steel on this project. The color change order was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

On - Call Contract for USI:

Highway Superintendent Mrs. Tolle, this is a consultant firm that is to help with the projects or assign a project and the consultants will help the department get these projects up and running faster. This contract will not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. This contract has been approved by Howard County Attorney Alan Wilson. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to sign the Contract with USI and the contract to not exceed twenty- five thousand dollars, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

On- Call Contract for Lochmueller Group:

Highway Superintendent Mrs. Tolle, this is a consultant firm that is to help with the projects or assign a project and the consultants will help the department get these projects up and running faster, this contract will not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. This contract has been approved by Howard County Attorney Alan Wilson. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to sign the Contract with Lochmueller Group and the contract to not exceed twenty- five thousand dollars, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

Nursing Contract with Quality Correctional Care:

Sheriff Jerry Asher, is submitting a contract for approval with Quality Correctional Care, this will allow the health care staff at the jail to transfer to Quality Correctional Care as of July 1st,2021. This contract has been approved by Howard County Attorney Alan Wilson. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve the contract to transfer all health Care jail staff to a Contract with Quality Correctional Care as of July 1st, 2021, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Replacement of Padded Cells:

Jail Commander Captain Matt Decker, submitted a contract to replace the padded cells at the Howard County Jail, these pads are made of a better and harder material for the cost of \$39,111.00. Captain Decker would like to pay for the padded cells out of the Misdemeanant Fund. Maintenance Superintendent Mr. Stonestreet agreed that they will be there when the padded cells are installed to learn how to do repairs. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve the contract to replace the padded cells at the Howard County Jail, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPT.:

Removal of Asbestos:

Maintenance Superintendent Mr. Stonestreet, submitted that the removal of asbestos insulation and repair of the chilled water system at the Jeff Stout Government Center by Fargo Insulation from Indianapolis in the amount of \$ 3,512.87. Mr. Stonestreet stated he would like to pay for this out of the Cum Cap Building Repair 1138.47241. Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve the contract with Fargo Insulation from Indianapolis that replaced the chilled water system in the amount of \$3,512.87 at the Jeff Stout Government Center, Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Installed transfer switch Highway Garage:

Maintenance Superintendent Mr. Stonestreet, submitted that J&J electric installed a new transfer switch at the highway garage for generator power, this was done at the cost of \$2,029.40. Mr. Stonestreet stated he would like to pay for this out of the Cum Cap Building Repair 1138.47241. Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve the contract with J&J electric that installed a new transfer switch at the highway garage for generator power, this was done at the cost of \$2,029.40. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on May 7, 2021 in the amount of \$869,642.77 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid May 17, 2021. in the amount of \$850,652.79 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** Reports were submitted for review and accepted by the Board. County Treasurer's Monthly Report for March 2021, Weights & Measures Report April 16- May 16, 2021.

COMMISSIONER ISSUSE:

Commissioner Wyman, stated that downtown Kokomo looks fantastic after the downtown association planted flowers this past weekend. The children's theater Curtain Call performed over the weekend, the showings were Winne the Pooh and God Spell.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerry Paul, President of the Howard County Veterans Memorial Corp. presented an update on the Woman's legacy Monument. Mr. Paul had a fund raiser at the Kokomo Bobkats game on Saturday and raised seven hundred -sixty-three dollars. Mr. Paul stated that he is amending the request to ask for only five thousand dollars from the County Commissioners instead of the ten thousand that he had previously ask for. Mr. Paul is asking that the licenses agreement be approved by legal so we can move forward and finish the project. Commissioner Bray made a motion to authorize Commissioner Wyman to sign the licenses agreement documents after final legal approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, seconded by Commissioner Bray, and carried.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

Howard County Commissioner Meeting, May 17, 2021

